

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

10th April 2024

A meeting of Cabinet was held on Wednesday 10th April, 2024 in the Council Chamber which was recorded and uploaded onto the Council's website.

Present

Councillor K. Wilson (Leader and Business and Regeneration)
Councillor S. Croft (Finance and Corporate)
Councillor J. Gutteridge (Health and Environment)
Councillor S. Markham (Public Services)
Councillor R. Smith (Planning and Regulation)

CB127 Apologies

Apologies received for Councillor C. Golby (Deputy Leader and Housing and Communities).

CB128 Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED that the Declarations of Interest for this meeting are as set out in the Schedule attached to these minutes with the amendment in Councillor K. Wilson's declarations as follows:

'Board Member of Conservative Association' to read 'Board Member of Conservative Councillors Association.'

CB129 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 6th March 2024, be approved, and signed by the Chair with the following amendment:

Minute no.112 to read as follows:

'Councillor K. Wilson declared an Other Interest by way of him being a Board Member of the Conservative Councillors Association.'

CB130 Newdigate Recreation Ground

The Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture submitted a report to Cabinet on the surrendering of the current lease in relation to Newdigate Pavilion and Sports Pitches and seeking to negotiate a new agreement in relation to the sports ground.

RESOLVED that

a) the proposal to surrender the existing lease dated 28th April 1970 be advertised pursuant to Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1970; and

b) a further report be submitted to consider any representations received.

Speakers:

Mrs Michele Kondakor
Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options

- 1) the recommendations be accepted in full
- 2) that further information is requested.

Reasons

The site is not council owned and is managed under a lease from 1970, due to the age of the lease there is a requirement for the Council to review the terms of the current agreement to better meet the requirements for the facility.

CB131 Suicide Prevention

The Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture submitted a report to Cabinet with an update in relation to work being undertaken across the Borough linked to Suicide Prevention.

RESOLVED that the Suicide Prevention update be noted.

Speakers:

Mrs Michele Kondakor
Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options

- a) Note the recommendation.

Reasons

This provides an update on the delivery of works linked to the Suicide Prevention Health Programme.

CB132 Creative Explorers Update

The Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture provided Cabinet with an update on the delivery of the Creative Explorers programme supported by Arts Council England, Nuneaton Bedworth Borough Council and Warwickshire County Council.

RESOLVED that the Creative Explorers update be noted.

Speakers

Mrs Michele Kondakor
Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options

Note the recommendation.

Reasons

The report provided an update on the delivery of programme - Creative Explorers 21-month journey with the Council, arts organisations, artists, and residents working together to create a unique cultural identity for Nuneaton & Bedworth which builds skills, generates civic pride and confidence, develops the visitor economy, and leads to a creative borough.

CB133 Borough Plan Review – Examination in Public

The Assistant Director – Planning submitted a report update to Cabinet on the Borough Plan Review and to make recommendations to Council on the

modifications to the Borough Plan Review Document to ensure the submitted plan is sound and legally compliant.

RESOLVED that it be recommended to Council that

- a) the examining Planning Inspectors be requested to recommend to the Council modifications to the submitted Borough Plan Review Documents in the event that the Inspectors consider that such modifications would be necessary to make the submitted plan sound and legally compliant, pursuant to S20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended);
- b) Delegated Authority be given to the Assistant Director for Planning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulation to suggest and agree any necessary modifications to the Borough Plan Review Documents deemed necessary by the Planning Inspectors during the examination process, to ensure the Plan is sound and legally compliant, pursuant to S20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended); and
- c) Delegated Authority be given to the Assistant Director for Planning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulation to enable Officers to consult on any modifications, deemed necessary by the Inspectors.

Speakers

Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options

- 1) For Council, to approve that the examining Planning Inspectors be requested to recommend to the Council modifications to the submitted Borough Plan Review Documents, in the event that the Inspectors consider that such modifications would be necessary to make the submitted plan sound and legally compliant and:
- 2) For Council to give Delegated Authority to the Assistant Director for Planning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulation to make any necessary suggestions and amendments to the Borough Plan Review Documents, when requested to do so, by the Planning Inspectors during Examination to ensure the Plan is sound and legally compliant and
- 3) For Council to give Delegated Authority to the Assistant Director for Planning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulation to enable Officers to consult on any modifications deemed necessary by the Inspectors.
- 4) Not to endorse the above recommendations but recommend an alternative.

Reasons

To enable the Council to comply with the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)

CB134 Bedworth Town Deal Board

The Strategic Director – Economy and Transformation submitted a report to Cabinet detailing the process required to establish a Town Board which will

enable the local authority to develop the Long Term Plan essential for the release of funding by Government.

RESOLVED that

- a) Bedworth has been included within the Government's second tranche of the Long-Term Plan for Towns be noted;
- b) a Town Board, that is compliant with the Government's requirements, must be established by 1st June 2024 in order to develop a Long Term Plan for Bedworth be noted;
- c) Delegated Authority be given to the Strategic Director (Economy & Transformation), in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Business & Regeneration), to advertise and appoint a chair of the board, establish the board membership and implement an appropriate governance structure as part of the Town Board set up, in line with DLUHC guidance;
- d) Delegated Authority be given to the Strategic Director - Economy and Transformation and Strategic Director - Finance & Governance to accept the funding of £250,000 and sign relevant funding agreement/s, as per DLUHC's report and incorporate future consolidated capital and revenue payments issued by the DLUHC; and
- e) the Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council representative on the Bedworth Town Board be appointed by Full Council at its Annual Council meeting each year.

Speakers

Mrs Michele Kondakor
Councillor Keith Kondakor

Options

- 1) To accept the recommendations as set out in the report to enable to establish a Town Board responsible for developing the Bedworth Long Term Plan; or
- 2) To give direction to explore alternative courses of action or revise the delegation; or
- 3) To reject the recommendations, which means that the DLUHC Long Term Plan for Towns shall not proceed and therefore the benefits associated with this project will not be realised.

Reasons

The opportunity to proceed with DLUHC Long Term Plan for Bedworth will put towns back into the hands of local people, so that they can decide on local priorities and what's best for the long-term future of the places where they live. This Long Term Plan is levelling up in action.

DLUHC will devolve decision making, as the local authority remains the accountable body for funding and executing plans. However, core emphasis is placed on the Towns Board responsible for developing the Long-Term Plan,

working closely with local people maintaining proportionate controls to ensure that funding continues to deliver good value for money.

CB135 Recommendations From Overview and Scrutiny Panels

None

CB136 Any Other Items

Councillor K. Wilson expressed his thanks to the Cabinet Members and all the Officers at Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council for their hard work during a challenging year.

Chair

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DECISIONS COME INTO FORCE: 23RD APRIL 2024

Cabinet - Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2023/2024

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	General dispensations granted to all members under s.33 of the Localism Act 2011			Granted to all members of the Council in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing matters - Statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 - An allowance, payment given to members - An indemnity given to members - Any ceremonial honour given to members - Setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 - Planning and Licensing matters - Allotments - Local Enterprise Partnership
	S. Croft	Employed at Holland & Barrett Retail Ltd	Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion for Safeguarding (Children and Adults) • Local Government Superannuation Scheme Consultative Board West Midlands Employers	
	C. Golby		Member of Warwickshire County Council Membership of Other Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership • Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd. • Nuneaton and Bedworth Home Improvement Agency • Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board • Warwickshire Housing and Support Partnership • Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel • George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust – Public/User Board 	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Eliot Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Governors • District Leaders (substitute) • Local Enterprise Partnership (substitute) • Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth Joint Committee (substitute) 	
	J. Gutteridge		<p>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board • Age UK (Warwickshire Branch) • Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground • West Midlands Combined Authority Wellbeing Board <p>Member of NABCEL</p>	
	S. Markham	County Councillor – WCC (Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services)	<p>Governor at Ash Green School</p> <p>Member of the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Sports Forum • Warwickshire Direct Partnership • Warwickshire Waste Partnership • Sherbourne Asset Co Shareholder Committee • Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charities • Trustee for Abbey Theatre 	
	R. Smith		<p>Chairman of Volunteer Friends, Bulkington;</p> <p>Trustee of Bulkington Sports and Social Club;</p> <p>Director of NABCEL;</p> <p>Member of the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A5 Member Partnership; • PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulation Outside of London) Joint Committee; • Building Control Partnership Steering Group • Bulkington Village Community and Conference Centre • West Midlands Combined Authority and Land Delivery 	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
			Board	
	K.D. Wilson	Delivery Manager, Nuneaton and Warwick County Courts, HMCTS, Warwickshire Justice Centre, Nuneaton	<p>Deputy Chairman – Nuneaton Conservative Association</p> <p>Board Member of the Conservative Association.</p> <p>Corporate Tenancies: properties are leased by NBBC to Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd, of which I am a Council appointed Director.</p> <p>Representative on the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd (NABCEL) • Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley & Bosworth Joint Committee • District Council Network • Local Government Association • LGA People & Places Board (Member) • West Midlands Combined Authority 	